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CIA EMPLOYEE RECEIVES ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AWARD

Dr. Robert Michael Gates was presented the prestigious Arthur S. Flemming Award on 16 March 1979 for his outstanding accomplishments in the Central Intelligence Agency, the Intelligence Community and at the National Security Council. In his nominating statement, Director of Central Intelligence Admiral Stansfield Turner noted that Dr. Gates' accomplishments had won for him the "reputation as being at the forefront of the rising generation of senior Government managers and leaders."

Dr. Gates, 35, joined the CIA in 1966. In his relatively short career with the Agency, he has had extraordinarily diverse responsibilities, serving with distinction as a substantive analyst, intelligence adviser, and presently as Special Assistant to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The citation accompanying Dr. Gates' award emphasizes that "the CIA rarely has had an officer whose valuable contributions to intelligence in Washington began at such an early stage in his career...Dr. Gates' consistent and cumulative excellence in performing extraordinarily diverse responsibilities in CIA, the Intelligence Community, and at the National Security Council has served the nation and its national security interests well."

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The Flemming award is named in honor of Dr. Arthur Sherwood Flemming, whose idea it was to create a program by which the private sector could give recognition to outstanding individuals in the federal service. It is presented annually by the Downtown Jaycees of Washington, D. C. to honor 10 outstanding young federal employees. The award was created 31 years ago to attract capable men and women to government service, to encourage high standards of performance, and to enhance appreciation of the American form of government and its inherent opportunities and responsibilities.

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